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THE LAST

Dying Speech, and Confeſſion,

Life, Character, and Behaviour,

OF THE UNFORTUNATE

MALEFACTORS,

Executed this Day for the Murder of Mr. *Duncan Robinſon*, near Smart's Buildings, *Holborn*.

ON Friday came on at the Old Bailey, the trial of Michael Wotton, Richard Pain, and John Cox, for the wilful murder of Mr. Duncan Robinſon.

Mr Hunt, a painter and glazier, in Whitechapel, depoſed, that on Friday the 17th of November laſt, about ſix o'clock in the evening, as he and the deceaſed paſſed near Smart's Buildings, Holborn, he found a man's hand in his pocket, which he immediately laid hold of, notwithſtanding which the fellow had addreſs enough to convey his pocket book to an accomplice, which Mr. Hunt perceiving, inſtantly collared the villain, and a general ſcuffle enſued, in which Mr. Robinſon was moſt deſperately wounded, the villains cutting him acroſs the eye and noſe with a long knife, and giving him ſeveral ſtabs in the body, one of them calling out, "Damn the raſcal, cut his heart out!" and ſo determined and reſolute were they in the execution of their purpoſe, that the button of Mr. Hunt's coat was cut quite through, and ſeveral ſlits made in his coat, one of which was more than eighteen inches in length.

Wotton was apprehended the next day, and after having been ſome time in cuſtody, he gave information of his inhuman accomplice, who was apprehended on board an Eaſt Indiaman, at Blackwall.

Cox, (who is only ſixteen years of age) ſurrendered the Friday before his trial.

The Surgeon who attended Mr. Robinſon depoſed, that the deceaſed languiſhed in the moſt excruciating torments for near a week, when he expired, to the grief of his numerous family, and all who knew him.

The priſoners were then called upon for their defence—

Pain and Wotton had nothing to ſay, Cox urged in his defence, that he was not concerned in the murder, but did not deny the robbery.

The Jury brought them all in Guilty, and the Judge, in a moſt affecting manner, pronounced the dreadful ſentence upon them,

"That they ſhould be taken back to the gaol, and from thence to the place of execution, and there be hanged by their necks until they are dead, when their bodies ſhould be diſſected and anatomized."

On the morning of execution, they were conveyed to the gallows, and there hanged, in preſence of a numerous concourſe of ſpectators.

They behaved in a manner becoming their wretched ſituation.

Cox wept bitterly in the preſs-yard, confeſſed being concerned in the robbery, but denied his being concerned in cutting or wounding the deceaſed.

They all joined in prayer with the worthy clergman who attended them, and ſeemed to be earneſt in their ſupplications to God, for pardon and forgiveneſs of their manifold offences.

After hanging an hour, they were cut down, and their bodies conveyed to Surgeons Hall, there to be diſſected and anatomized, purſuant to the ſentence paſſed upon them.

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